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Letter dated 19 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I refer to the letter dated 8 June 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to you (S/2000/567) in which it is alleged that on 24 May 2000 a group of Iraqi fishermen on the boat *Zaman* (No. 1442/Basrah) came under fire from two Kuwaiti naval craft in Iraqi territorial waters.

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the allegations made by the Iraqi Government in its letter are no more than a reiteration of the fabrications and counterfactual claims to which it has persisted in giving currency. The relevant authorities in Kuwait categorically deny these Iraqi allegations and state that the personnel of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission in the area have reported no incidents for the said date. The Iraqi Government is seeking by means of such false claims to create instability in the area, a fact to which the Security Council should be alert.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammad A. **Abulhasan**
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